I but chosen to do so. But fortunately or un-
fortunately for me I had not been promoted to
their class and so preferred my humiliation to
such a clever demonstration of my powers, even
though it were calculated to prove to the Supdt.
the truth of an obsveration made by one of
England's most noted and admired sages. It
followed as a matter of consequence that the
jack-daw had to get shorn of all his peacock
feathers, making his appearance once more, as
the same old jack-daw he was, amongst the
fellow jack-daws of his own species, and I had
to come over to the native ward, making myself
one amongst the fellow natives of my country,
bidding good-bye to all my European parapher-
nalia, as far as the Lunatic Asylum went,
getting in return for all that I had left, a solitary
mat prepared out of palm leaves by the patients
themselves, the very coarsest kind that it was
possible to prepare perhaps, and a most princely
gunny cloth for a blanket, that a real king might
have envied, had he but come in

person to see
this very extreme limit of my luxury and comfort
as his Majesty's honoured though compulsory
guest. There was even what might be called
a pillow, made out of straw, stuffed tight into